

LANE FAMILY

Missionaries to The Dominican Republic

Acts 4:12

October-December 2023

Please pray with us for:

- **Rafael in his new walk with the Lord**
- **Joshua's Dad's upcoming surgery**
- **Iglesia Bautista Agua Viva**
 - **wisdom in decisions**
 - **teenagers to stay faithful**
 - **several adults in need of good jobs**
 - **spiritual growth and unity**
- **Lost souls in the Dominican Republic**

Dear friends and fellowlaborers,

We hope you had a great Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Medical Team

At the end of October we hosted our third and final Medical Team of the year. Over 300 people were triaged and treated. The unique thing about this Medical Team is that we had a dentist! He and his assistant stayed busy as they pulled rotten and infected teeth for two days straight. It was a blessing for many people who cannot afford dental care.

Salvation!

Maria, one of the ladies in our church called me on a Sunday morning in October and asked if we could pick up one of her co-workers for church services. Andreina came with her kids that first Sunday. She told me afterwards that she grew up in a Pentecostal background and never felt like she belonged anywhere, but that she would definitely be back. The following Sunday I picked them up again, and much to my surprise her husband showed up later on his motorcycle. Rafael set through the preaching, and was very cordial as he assured me he would return. The following Sunday as I preached, I watched him

become very sad. At invitation time, he came down to the altar where Pastor Carlos led him to Jesus. As he hugged us tightly after services, he told us it was the best decision he ever made. He then shocked me as he asked me for a Pastoral letter that he could give to his boss so he could have service times off work to come and worship. Rafael and his family have been faithful and Pastor Carlos is working to disciple them through their questions about baptism as they have set under a lot of false teaching in the past.

Holiday Activities

Every year in the Dominican Republic, Christmas begins in September. People start putting up lights and trees and declaring "It is almost Christmas!" We still usually try to hold off until the day after Thanksgiving! I was very proud of two of our young ladies, Alba and Celine as they took the lead planning the Annual Christmas Dinner. It was a big undertaking for them and they did well. We had several first time visitors at the dinner who got to hear the Gospel as Pastor Carlos preached about the birth of our Savior. The Gospel was then presented again as we had a Christmas Drama called "Navidad." Teah did a wonderful job coordinating this unique display about the real meaning of Christ's Birth. The following Sunday morning our children's Sunday School Class had their time to lead us in worship as they sang about Christ's birth and the liberty that can be found in Him. We hope you have a blessed New Year with many opportunities to share Jesus with those around you. We are blessed and honored to be your missionaries in the Dominican Republic!

Thank you, Joshua and Teah Lane
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